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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

LET'S PLAY BALL
TORO GRANDSTAND AT RED HADDOX FIELD IS OPEN

The old Metropolitan Stadium may be gone and the Twins have a new stadium in Minneapolis, but baseball is alive and well in Bloomington at Red Haddox Field.

After years of planning and months of work, the Toro Grandstand at Red Haddox Field, 9000 Portland Avenue South, held its first game on April 26 and an open house on July 10.

According to Parks and Recreation Assistant Manager Greg Boatman, both events drew large crowds.

"Red Haddox has always been one of the best baseball fields in the metro, but the spectator area needed work," Boatman said.

"Now, thanks to the support of all the businesses, neighbors, sports organizations and City employees that stepped up to the plate, we have a top-tier grandstand and a top-tier field."

The project included a new grandstand with 500 seats, a press box, new dug-outs, backstop and a 40-foot net to catch stray baseballs.

The field will host junior varsity and varsity teams and town team baseball.

The site improvements were paid for through a donation from the Toro Corporation, a Hennepin County Youth Sports grant and money from the Beaverbrook Park Mitigation Fund.

The original plan for the project was much larger in scope, according to Boatman. As a result, residents and baseball groups are looking to fund a second phase to install concession stands, restrooms and a bullpen. Boatman said the City is exploring cost



estimates to see if a second phase is possible.

"Our goal is to make Bloomington a real home for baseball," Boatman said. "This project demonstrates what the City is doing across the parks system."

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation.



ACTIVITIES FOR ALL!

ADULT AND YOUTH SPORTS

WOMEN'S AND CO-REC VOLLEYBALL

Summer may soon be over, but you can still enjoy volleyball in Bloomington. Leagues are forming now. Beginning in October and continuing through mid-December, leagues meet Monday through

Thursday evenings at an indoor location to be determined. All matches are officiated. Cost is \$250 for residents and \$305 for nonresidents.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Each year, the Bloomington Athletic Association inducts one or more persons into the Sports Hall of Fame. The award honors men and women who have contributed their time and energy to the growth of amateur sports.

When: Thursday, October 7.
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall,
1114 West 79th Street.

For more information, call Dan Wallerus at 952-884-6675.



CENTER
FOR THE ARTS

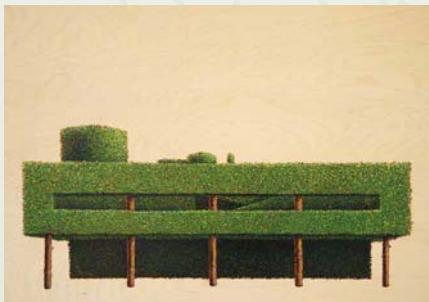
Located in Bloomington Civic Plaza at the corner of West 98th Street and Old Shakopee Road, the Center for the Arts is a first-class facility housing six arts organizations. For facility information, call 952-563-8889.

For exhibit information and events, visit www.bloomingtonartcenter.com and click on Exhibitions, or call 952-563-8567.

EXHIBITIONS

Hours:	M - F	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
	Sa	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	Su	1 - 10 p.m.

INEZ GREENBERG GALLERY



Villa by David Lefkowitz.

Impact, featuring the works of artists Peter L. Johnson, Michael Karekan and David Lefkowitz, runs through August 27.

The Women's Art Registry of Minnesota Mentor Exhibition, featuring the works of professional female artists and their protégés, runs September 3 - October 8.



Copper Vessel by Ellen Star.

ATRIUM GALLERY

Swooning the Swagger, featuring the paintings of artist Kate Van Cleve, runs through September 19.



Atlantis #7 by Jes Lee.

Digital Dreams of Life, featuring the work of artist Jessica Lee Shimek, runs September 23 - November 14. An artists' reception takes place September 23, 6 - 8 p.m.

ANGELICA YOUTH CHOIR AUDITIONS



Auditions for the 2010 - 2011 season are now taking place for youth singers in grades 2 - 12. For more information, call Andrea Dittmer at 952-563-8572 or visit www.angelicacantanti.org.

AR&LE



The Adaptive Recreation & Learning Exchange (AR&LE) provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities living in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield to participate in recreational and educational programs that are specially designed to meet varied ability levels. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: AR&LE.